

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans

3b. GSA Committee No.

13849

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

05/07/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

05/07/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

38 U.S.C. 2066

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

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13. Effective Date

12/21/2001

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date Report Title

04/30/2018 Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans 15th Annual Report

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 1 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The agenda will include briefings from officials at VA regarding services for homeless Veterans and a discussion regarding VA budgetary support to homeless programs.	12/01/2017	12/01/2017
On April 11, 2018 and April 12, 2018, the Committee convened open sessions at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW (Room 230), Washington, DC 20420, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The agenda included annual ethics training and briefings from officials at VA and other agencies regarding services from homeless Veterans.	04/11/2018	04/12/2018
On September 26, 2018, the Committee convened an open session at the War Memorial, 401 Van Ness Avenue (Room 210), San Francisco, CA from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The agenda included briefings from officials at VA and other agencies regarding housing strategies to address Veteran homelessness. On September 27, 2018, the Committee convened site visits from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. as it toured the Stanford Hotel, 250 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA and the Navigation Center, 15th & Mission Streets, San Francisco, CA . These site visits were closed in accordance with 5 U.S. C Sec. 552(c)(6) to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information. The Committee also discussed potential topics for its upcoming annual report and recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.	09/26/2018	09/27/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$54,050.00	\$61,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$33,077.47	\$55,500.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$6,364.36	\$4,500.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$93,491.83	\$121,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.80	0.80

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the benefits and services to homeless Veterans provided by the Department. The challenges faced by homeless Veterans include matters that are related to Secretary's current priorities - many homeless Veterans experience increased risk of death by suicide, adverse outcomes related to opiate usage; and face difficulty getting access to mental and physical healthcare. The recommendations of the Committee are framed within the context of providing greater choice, modernizing systems, increasing efficiency, improving timeliness, and preventing suicide. Efforts to improve delivery of VA services along those identified priorities all organically serve to improve outcomes for homeless Veterans. The Committee is authorized to conduct analyses and develop additional reports or other materials. Not later than March 31 of each year, the Committee shall submit a report to the Secretary on the programs and activities of the Department that relate to homeless Veterans. The Committee reviews deliberations of other entities including Interagency Council on the Homelessness. Many of the issues brought to the attention of the Secretary and Congress have been addressed. The Committee and the Department share a common mission to ensure all Veterans, regardless of gender, age, race, or disability, are provided with programs and services to aid their rehabilitation and reintegration into society as fully functioning citizens. The Committee and the Department continue the sacred duty to reach out and assist these Veterans in their immediate and long-term efforts to rejoin society. The Committee ensures the gains made will continue and the Department continues its efforts to coordinate with its community partnerships to create new employment and housing initiatives.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members selected are experts knowledgeable in the treatment of mental illness and

substance abuse disorders as well as those adept at developing permanent housing alternatives for lower income populations. Additional experts selected by the Secretary include State Veterans' Affairs officials, community-based service providers, advocates of homeless Veterans and homeless individuals in both the civilian and Veteran population. Members are selected with equitable geographic, ethnic and gender representation. One member is a former senior official at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Members from other federal agencies (which included but was not limited to, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Department of Labor, and the Department of Education) serve as Ex-Officio Members.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee meets in person at least 2 times per year. The meetings provide opportunities to closely review VA services for homeless Veterans, interagency coordination to provide additional services, and site visits to allow members to personally assess the delivery of certain homeless services. In FY 2018, the Committee held three meetings -- December 1, 2017 via telecom; April 11-12, 2018 in Washington, DC; and September 26-27, 2018 in San Francisco, CA. On April 11, 2018 and April 12, 2018, the Committee convened an open session at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW (Room 230), Washington, DC, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The agenda included annual ethics training and briefings from officials at VA and other agencies regarding services for homeless Veterans. On September 26, 2018, the Committee convened an open session at the War Memorial 401 Van Ness Avenue (Room 210), San Francisco, CA from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The agenda included briefings from officials at VA and other agencies regarding housing strategies to address Veteran homelessness. On September 27, 2018, the Committee convened closed site visits from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., as it toured the Stanford Hotel, 250 Kearny Street San Francisco, CA and the Navigation Center, 15th & Mission Streets, San Francisco, CA. These site visits were closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C Sec. 552b(c)(6) to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information. The Committee also discussed potential topics for its upcoming annual report and recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Decreases in the number of homeless Veterans have been encouraging. This Committee, comprised of homeless service providers, a formerly homeless Veteran, subject matter experts in the fields of healthcare, research and housing, provides input on investments in effective strategies like rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing, along with unprecedented collaboration between VA, other Federal partners and community agencies, have yielded substantial reductions in Veterans homelessness. The Committee

realizes that finishing the job will require continued investment in Veteran-centric housing and health programs, the widespread adoption of evidence-based best practices, such as Housing First, and greater linkages to employment and other community based resources. The advice provided by this committee comes from their own real world experiences.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee meetings are open to the public; however, when the Committee conduct site visits to homeless programs or tour a VA facility, the meeting is closed to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information.

21. Remarks

The Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans supports Goal 2: Veterans receive timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their well-being and independence throughout their life journey.

Designated Federal Officer

Anthony Love Senior Advisor and Director of Community Engagement, VHA Homeless Programs

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Como, Steve	04/28/2017	12/31/2020	Vice President and Director of Government Relations, Soldier On	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Denton, Ivan	03/01/2017	12/31/2020	Department of Labor	Ex Officio Member
Devlin, Margarita	03/01/2017	05/01/2018	Veterans Benefits Administration	Ex Officio Member
Doherty, Matthew	03/01/2015	12/31/2020	Executive Director of the Interagency Council on Homelessness	Ex Officio Member
Frueh, Michael	05/31/2018	12/31/2020	Veterans Benefits Administration	Ex Officio Member
Frueh, Michael	06/01/2018	12/31/2020	Veterans Benefits Administration	Ex Officio Member
Grumdahl, Eric	03/03/2015	12/31/2018	Director of Special Projects, Minnesota Office to Prevent and End	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Guy, Dottie	04/28/2017	12/31/2020	Program Coordinator, Dropbox Inc and Community Veterans Advocate	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hall, Charles	04/28/2017	12/31/2020	Executive Director, Upstate Warrior Solution	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Harig-Blaine, Elisha	03/03/2015	12/31/2018	Principal Housing Associate (Veterans and Special Needs), National League of Cities	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnston, Mark	03/03/2015	12/31/2018	Independent Consultant on the issue of ending homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kelleher, Peter	03/03/2015	12/31/2018	President/Chief Executive Officer, Partnership for Successful Living	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kelley, Yvette	01/01/2018	07/17/2018	President and CEO New Directors for Veterans	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lee, Susan	04/28/2017	12/31/2020	Nursing consultant for Education, Texas Board of Nursing	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mansfield, Eric	03/03/2015	12/08/2017	Surgeon - Ear, Nose and Throat Practice	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

McLaughlin, John	03/01/2017 12/31/2020	Department of Education	Ex Officio Member
Rosenoff, Emily	03/01/2017 12/31/2020	Department of Health and Human Services	Ex Officio Member
Shriver, Robert	01/03/2017 10/08/2018	Co-Chair, Veteran Advocacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Suchar, Norm	09/30/2017 12/31/2020	Department of Housing and Urban Development	Ex Officio Member
Woodworth, Roger	03/03/2015 12/31/2018	President/Chief Executive Officer, Veterans One-Stop Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 20

Narrative Description

The Committee provides recommendations to improve coordination of services to homeless Veterans and to enhance partnerships with other public and private service providers.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

179

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a total of recommendations for FY 2003 through FY 2018.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The recommendations partly implemented primarily involve work by agencies, such as Department of Labor, Department of Defense, and Health and Human Services

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Department submits a formal response to each Committee recommendation, and Department officials brief the Committee on actions taken to implement recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Reorganized Priorities

Checked if Applies



Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A